

Adams County

Olive Holmquist

One of 13 children, Olive was born on July 2, 1897 in the town of Quincy. Growing up on the Holden family farm, she attended a country grade school through eighth grade. In order to attend high school, she lived with a family in town during the week. She recalls riding the stagecoach home for weekends and her uncle bringing her husband-to-be to the farm in a horse and buggy to meet her.

Olive married Gustaf Holmquist of Karlskronna, Sweden in 1918. The wedding took place in Mauston; to get there, the wedding party took the ferry across the Wisconsin River about a mile north of Point Bluff. For a short time, the couple lived on a farm in Quincy Township. They tried city life in Chicago, but the Depression took them back to farming in Wisconsin, where they raised their three children. Olive says that her greatest achievement is her family, which includes eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Ashland County

Anna Dorothy Marks

Born in Poland on November 3, 1899, Anna came to the United States as a toddler. Growing up in Ashland with her brother and five sisters, Anna went to school through the eighth grade at Holy Family and still belongs to the church.

Anna worked with her husband, William Ante, Sr. while raising a family. Together they built and ran Ante's Motor Court Cabins from 1932 until 1965 when son Bill, Jr. took over. After William's death, Anna married Tom Marks.

Anna says that she was "too busy to learn to crochet or knit," but that she baked and cooked "a lot." She still enjoys reading both in English and in Polish. She believes that working so hard for so many years contributed to her having a long life. Today, she looks forward to her son Bill's daily visits.

Lena McCuddy

Lena, who was born on June 19, 1899, grew up on a farm in Illinois. She married Charles McCuddy in 1919 and moved with him to Indiana. They had one son of whom Lena is very proud – "he graduated from Purdue University with a degree in forestry." Since her son's death, his wife and daughter continue to live in the Ashland area, and Lena moved there about four years ago. Lena likes to read, crochet and knit. She always gardened and still enjoys the out-of-doors.

Ashland County

Mildred L. Wilson

The daughter of John and Maude Fitzgerald, Mildred was born in Ashland on November 13, 1899. She graduated from Ashland High School in 1918 and from nursing school in 1921. A year later she married J. Howard Garvin with whom she had five children. They have given her 14 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mildred returned to nursing in 1943 and worked for 40 years. Besides doing both general and private nursing duty, she was a hospital supervisor for many years.

Mildred was married to her second husband, Lyn Wilson, from 1972 to 1981. She believes a positive attitude is very important, and she considers herself a very strong-willed person.

Barron County

Golden Barritt

With longevity in his genes (his parents lived into their 90s), Golden was born on March 1, 1900. He had two brothers, Earnest and William. Both Golden and William enlisted in World War I and saw duty in France and Germany. Recently, Golden received the Legion of Honor award from the French government. He has been a member of and active in the American Legion for 80 years.

Golden married Frances Foss in 1923. She died at age 93 after 73 years of marriage. There are two sons, Phillip and Don, four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. In 1930, Golden became Barron's long-time postmaster. Still active, he pursues many hobbies ? gardening, collecting stamps and playing cribbage. His stories are well known; Golden himself is said to be a legend in Barron County.

Laura Mable Brown

Growing up on a farm delighted Laura, who was born on December 19, 1900 in Arland Township. She climbed to the top of a windmill at the age of four; she made all the animals her special friends. Early on, her beautiful voice brought requests to sing for many occasions.

After high school, Laura went to normal school in Rice Lake for a one-year teacher-training course. She then taught the primary grades in Barron County for over 35 years. She often said, "I like my pupils; my pupils like me." Never marrying, her life was dedicated to her students and her family.

Barron County

Rose Early

Born in Cumberland on January 12, 1900, Rose attended school through the eighth grade. Before she married Tom Early, she worked in restaurants and as a housekeeper. In 1944, Rose and Tom worked in the Badger Ordnance Works making gunpowder for World War II. After the war they moved back to Cumberland and eventually retired from the 3M Company. Today, with Tom gone, Rose's daughter Mona helps her with her daily chores.

Rose recalls the night when Tom's brother accidentally caused a fire by tapping his pipe ashes into the wood box. They awoke to the smell of smoke. With no way of escaping, Tom removed an upstairs window and jumped with their oldest daughter into the snow below. Rose and the baby followed. In their nightclothes, they ran to the barn while Tom ran to the closest neighbor for help. All that they owned was lost, but they still had each other.

Bessie Hunt Jenness

Born in Barron County on November 12, 1895, Bessie was the oldest of seven children. After her father's death, she took care of her younger siblings while her mother and brothers worked the farm. She loved to ride bareback and recalls riding with her friends in a horse and buggy.

While working in Ladysmith as a waitress, Bessie met William Jenness, a young store clerk. They were married in 1918 and had four sons. Bessie and William lived in Madison and Milwaukee before settling down on the family farm. Bessie was church pianist for many years, and she and William often sang duets at weddings and funerals. They also loved to dance, primarily the waltz and two-step. Bessie loves history and traveling; she has visited almost every state in the country.

Bayfield County

Ruth Westlund

I was born on January 4, 1903, daughter of Anna and Peter Olson, who were pioneer homesteaders in Bayfield County. I was one of 12 children and attended local schools. I also took a course at the business college in Superior.

I married Jacob Westlund on June 3, 1922 and raised six children on the dairy farm I still live on. The farm is now operated by my son. I have been widowed for 25 years.

My hobbies are traveling, sewing, knitting, rug weaving, reading, writing, translating from Swedish and recording local history. I was an active church member for 72 years, serving as teacher, treasurer and secretary.

Brown County

Irene Bradtke

Irene has lived in Green Bay her whole life. Born on March 1, 1899, she attended East High School. She remembers that in her senior year, a classmate, Curly Lambeau, asked a friend of Irene's, Tuttie Klaus (Ferris), if she would give him a ride out to the Packing Company as he wanted to ask them to sponsor a football team for Green Bay. "The rest is history and what fun it's been," laughs Irene, then adds, "I have lived a good life here on earth with friends and family, but now most of them are awaiting me elsewhere and I dare say I am ready to join them."

Lauretta Courtney

Born in Marquette on June 21, 1901, Lauretta has lived in Florida, Michigan and California at various times. She was a secretary and married twice, first to John Courtney with whom she had four children, and later to Norman Vadnais.

Lauretta recalls that during World War II, in Marquette, "I spent many hours in the observation tower reporting and identifying aircraft. Because of the nearby ore docks and the Soo Locks in Sault Ste. Marie, the government felt the area was a prime enemy target." After her children were grown, Lauretta traveled in Europe, Asia and the Caribbean. She has lived in Green Bay since 1988.

Julia Hansen

Born on August 18, 1899 in Manitowoc County, Julia grew up with her two brothers on a farm. Julia recalls walking three miles to school. Sometimes there was a ride when her father drove to the cheese factory to sell his milk. At the age of 13, Julia started working at the Pet Milk Company and the walk was 4½ miles each way.

There were two dance halls about four miles away. Julia remembers that "we walked to the dance, danced all night (in high-top shoes), then walked home. We might not get home until three or so in the morning." At 18, Julia married Martin Hansen, a farmer who lived nearby. They had one child. Although she drove horses on the farm, Julia walked the four miles to their church. "No matter what, walking was our way of life."

Helen Kohls

Helen, born on October 25, 1893 in Iowa, came to Green Bay when she was 25 years old and became an enthusiastic Packers fan. She went to college in Wyoming and taught school for 14 years. She was married to Henry Kohls until his death in 1955. Helen says, "I enjoyed being a teacher. I also loved having the Packers win the Super Bowls. I've been to many games at Lambeau Field. I attribute my long life to having been raised by wonderful parents, to having good morals, and to having lived an ordinary life."

Brown County

Alice Lahey

Alice's parents, John and Kate Knaepple, owned a hotel, The Green Bay House, that was located north of the Brown County Central Library. Alice, who was born on October 19, 1901, grew up in Green Bay. She worked for the Larsen Company, a food processor, and did housework and farming. A highlight in her life: "Some years ago I won enough money in a radio contest to take a bus tour to Yellowstone Park."

Anna Legener

Born on November 7, 1901 in Kewaunee County, Anna lived there until she was twenty years old. She then moved to Green Bay where she married John Legener in 1928. She has one child, two grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Anna worked as a clerk in a retail store, Chrisman & Cross, 50 years ago. She attributes her long life to "good genes and being active and to good clean living."

Margaret Morgan

Born on February 18, 1899, Margaret grew up in Hampshire, England and in 1918 married William Morgan. A year later they moved to Ontario, Canada, where they lived before coming to Green Bay in 1921. Margaret has three children, three grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren. She says, "I was always a hard worker and my family was my whole life."

Emma Patterson

Emma has lived in three weather zones. She spent 40 years in Illinois, 28 years in Arizona, and has been in Green Bay for the past seven years. Born in Boscobel on March 31, 1900, she grew up in Wisconsin and received a college degree in business education. However, she taught only during World War II when there was a shortage of teachers.

Always a "mover and shaker" in community life, Emma was a Girl Scout leader, state president of her garden club, and a member of both the Foreign Relations Board of Illinois and the League of Women Voters. At the age of 88, Emma was featured in the Daily News of Sun City where she was quoted: "Women in my family were 'take-charge' females who were educated and wanted to pass on whatever knowledge they gathered."

"I was interested in the price of wheat, so I voted for Socialist Norman Thomas in 1928." Emma Patterson

Brown County

Pauline Tyczkowski

One of 10 children, Pauline was born on February 16, 1899, in Pulaski. Growing up on a farm, she recalls that she “worked hard” sewing and cooking. However, she had fun, too, going on sleigh rides with friends and family, and she liked to dance. Pauline thinks she was “too busy to develop any hobbies.” Her advice: “stay busy and keep dancing.”

Mai Xiong

She is called “grandmother” among the Laotian Hmong of Green Bay. She is not sure of her age but Mai has seen five generations into the world and her family thinks she may be 120 years old, which would make her one of the world’s oldest people. She thinks she was about 12 when she saw French soldiers entering her village. (The French entered Laos in the 1890s and early 1900s.) Her memories are filled with war – two husbands and two sons died in wars. After the French came the Japanese, the Pathet Lao communists and then the Americans, who airlifted her to the United States.

Mai lives quietly near her daughters. She still misses the landscape of Laos and likes movies that remind her of home. She believes the Hmong children will have a good life here.

“A secret to my long life? Hard work and being blessed with good health and a good appetite to this day.” Raymond Zuelke

Raymond Zuelke

Raymond spent the first 42 years of his life in the town of Holland (he was born on April 11, 1900). He farmed with his mother after his father’s death, then bought a farm near Wrightstown. Besides farming, he hauled milk and plowed for other farmers.

Ray’s memories include a drought during which he and his mother cut tree branches for the cows to eat so they wouldn’t starve, and the red clay roads formed deep ruts when it finally rained. “In winter,” he says, “we put our car up on blocks and used horse and sleigh to get around.” He also recalls that “when I got married, I had \$7 to my name, but I gave it away to my neighbors who came to celebrate with us. And so we started married life with nothing.” Many of Ray’s old neighbors are still good friends and he visits with them – “they’re in their 90s, too.”

Burnett County

Albert Baker

Born in 1900 and a native of Illinois, Al first visited Webb Lake in northern Burnett County in 1936. He says, “I bought this land – 19 acres – for \$150 and would come up whenever I could leave my job with the telephone company. The drive was 14 hours with

the kids fighting in the back seat and the radiator boiling over. It was worth it, we had wonderful fishing on Webb Lake. We caught a lot of smallmouth bass and big crappies." In 1962, when his wife retired, they moved to Webb Lake.

Al has many stories about the single wire telephone lines through the woods, and that electricity didn't come until the 1950s. He can also tell about the Webb Lake fire department that he worked to organize and equip, and being town supervisor. "I've lived a good life here," he says.

Edward Kaddatz

Ed was born in Chicago on November 20, 1898 and lived there until retiring from his job as a printer in 1964. The company he worked for printed Cosmopolitan and Good Housekeeping magazines. He moved to Siren and has lived there ever since. He is proud of the fact that in 1916 he was the lightweight boxing champion of Chicago. He was paid \$25 per fight, a large sum.

Ed gave up driving two years ago; friends now take him to the "Hole-in-the-Wall Casino" in Danbury every week. Ed does his own laundry and cleaning. He likes to play a game or two of pool every day at the Senior Center after the noon meal. When asked what he attributes his long life to, he says, "taking one day at a time."

Calumet County

Clara Enneper

Born on February 28, 1898 in Calumet County, Clara grew up on a farm and married a farmer; they had three children. The farm supplied most of the family's needs. What they couldn't raise, they bartered for, trading eggs for flour and sugar. They smoked their own hams and made sausage. Clara's daughter Leona recalls, "I loved when butter was made; that's when my mother made bread."

Clara believes that getting running water made the greatest difference in their lives: "We didn't have to carry it anymore." They bought their first car, a Whippet, in 1929. "A driver's license cost 25¢ and there was no test." Today Clara owns a Ford and drives to church.

"I wanted to be able to say I lived in three centuries." Clara Enneper

Calumet County

Isabelle J. Kasper

Born on June 12, 1899, in Montello, Isabelle was one of 12 children of Alex and Minnie Cook. After the eighth grade, she worked as a waitress, then in a store in the Village of Potter. There she met her future husband, Oscar Kasper, who ran a farm implement business.

Isabelle helped Oscar in his business and they raised two children. There are nine grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren and 17 great-great-grandchildren. Outstanding memories: waiting for her future husband to return from Europe at the end of World War I, and the wait for her son, Win, to return after World War II. (They both came home.) Isabelle has been a member of the Rentoul Homemakers for 50 years and is active in the Peace United Church in Potter.

Chippewa County

Hattie Johnson

Born on September 9, 1899, Hattie wondered if her 100th birthday on 9/9/99 would be a “meltdown” day. She was born and raised in Rib Lake. Her mother took in abandoned and orphaned children, giving Hattie 15 siblings.

Hattie met her husband-to-be in Eau Claire. After they married, they moved to Cornell where Harry worked as an electrician. Hattie was a midwife for many years, delivering more than 80 babies in the area. Today, she looks forward to the daily visits of her own children.

Helen Nelson

Helen was born on December 18, 1898. At the age of 17 she started to teach in a rural school, and as was the custom, taught all grades and subjects: she was the music teacher, drama coach, athletic director and school nurse. And she built fires in winter. In 1916, she earned \$45 a month. Later, she taught at the Sunny Valley School in the town of Wheaton. Today, that building stands preserved in Irvine Park as an example of the early educational system. After teaching in most of the county schools, Helen became County Supervisor of country schools for the northern half of Chippewa County. In 1946, She received her Bachelor of Science degree in education from the Wisconsin State Teacher's College in Eau Claire. Many ex-students remember her as the *best teacher I ever had*.

Clark County

Reginald L. Barnes

Born on November 17, 1898, "Doc" Barnes began his chiropractic practice in Greenwood in 1921. Marrying in 1924, he and his wife raised three daughters. In 1933, "Doc" was appointed postmaster, serving for 29 years. During the 1930s, he was also Justice of the Peace. He served on city council and on the jury selection committee.

Doc is proud that he voted in every presidential election since Harding was elected in 1920. His favorite president was Franklin D. Roosevelt, whom he considered "quite a character." He liked it when Roosevelt said, "You have nothing to fear but fear itself." Doc still attends Clark County board meetings. Grinning, he says, "the change in the 20th century that affected me the most was television."

Veronica Bauer

Born on March 8, 1898 near Colby, Veronica's parents and other relatives came here from Bavaria and settled into farm life. Veronica went to a one-room school at first, then to a German Catholic school that opened in Colby. She sometimes had a nickel to buy six cinnamon rolls for her lunch. Her father bought a Beckwith organ and Veronica took lessons that stayed with her all her life.

In 1917 Veronica married Alphonse Bauer, who owned a successful cement construction business. After serving in World War I, Alphonse bought a home in Colby and the young couple had one child. Their business thrived and life was peaceful until Alphonse's death in 1952. Veronica stayed in Colby, enjoying her grandchildren. She was a member of a garden club, card club and church organizations.

Anton Harycki

Paul and Antonina Harycki came here from Poland in 1901 with their first child, Anton, who had been born on January 10, 1898. They settled on a farm in Thorp. Stanley (as Anton was called) worked on the farm until he went to mechanics school. He joined the army during World War I. Later, Stan went to Detroit to work in the automobile industry but left to join his brother in a gas station/garage business. He stayed with that until he retired in 1974.

Stan married Margaret Persak when he was 44 and she was 22; they have three daughters and five grandchildren. To what does he credit his long life? His answer: "My wife? I never would have made it to 100 without her."

"Now the planes are faster, the cars are faster and the people are faster, too."
Anton Harycki

Columbia County

Bill Garwin

For all of his 107 years (born on April 5, 1892), Bill has lived in Rio, but he has traveled the world. His favorite places: Hawaii and Puerto Rico, visited with his second wife, Irene. Widowed from his first wife of 27 years, he met Irene when he was 65. They have now been married for 42 years.

As postmaster of Rio, Bill is proud of the extensive routes established during his tenure. He says, "mail delivery was so good, we had three deliveries a day. You could mail a letter to a town down the rail line in the morning and it would be delivered in the afternoon. And at one time I knew every person on every route."

Ervin L. Krueger

The oldest of eight children, Ervin was born on September 13, 1900 in Town of Randolph, Columbia County. Raised on a farm, he purchased his own dairy farm when he married. In the 1950s he rented out the farm and went into the farm implement business in Markesan with his only son. Later, they bought a farm near Fox Lake and farmed together until the death of his son. Ervin retired from the farm in 1980. He was an active member in his church, local school board, and the Rio co-op.

Harvey Paulson

Harvey planned his 100th birthday party himself. He picked the place and ordered the cake. Born on October 23, 1899, he has spent his life in Rio. As a young man he worked in his father's hardware store, then took it over and ran it for many years.

An avid baseball fan, Harvey saw Babe Ruth play in Chicago in the 1920s and attended the World Series when the White Sox lost to Philadelphia. He has seen the Brewers play in Milwaukee many times, the last in 1998 when he was 99. After the senior meal program in Rio, he returns home in time to "catch whatever game is on radio or TV." Harvey still lives in the home he and his wife Henrietta shared for 42 years. He admits, "keeping house takes some doing."

"Our telephone ring was one long and four shorts. The phone line would click when anyone's phone rang. After all, the neighbors wanted to hear, too. That was the way news got out." Martha DeMuth

Crawford County

Martha DeMuth

Born in Iowa on March 25, 1897, Martha had 14 siblings. "We were always busy - my mother was always canning." Martha's father owned a threshing machine and worked for farmers in the area. After the threshing there was usually a dance; Martha could hardly wait to be old enough to attend. She finally was. "I would rather dance than eat. Wherever a dance was held, my friends and I were there. We had a ball."

Martha married Raymond DeMuth; they bought land at Gays Mills, but "during the Depression we gave up the farm and moved to Prairie du Chien." Shortly after, Raymond died. To raise their six sons, Martha did housework, wall-papering, whatever she found. "We worked together and I'm proud of my boys - they were wonderful and we survived."

Laura Helgersen

A log house on a farm in Cooley Valley was home to Laura, born on February 27, 1899. When she was two, her father died. After farming alone for five years, Laura's mother sent her two children to their grandmother's while she went to Minneapolis to work.

At Gale College, Laura took teaching courses, played basketball, sang in the Glee Club and played the violin. She went on to teach and married Roy Helgersen in 1920. They built a house in Mt. Sterling where Laura has lived for the last 72 years. She believes that electricity was the most exciting change. Evenings were spent listening to the radio that Roy had gotten in payment for a painting job.

Last year Laura sewed 15 quilt tops for Lutheran World Relief and with her daughters canned 14 quarts of blue plums.

Dane County

Gladys Bronson

More than one social worker considers Gladys Bronson a role model and mentor. Born on January 13, 1900, she grew up in Madison, graduating Phi Beta Kappa from UW-Madison. She had a long marriage and two children.

After teaching in Oshkosh, she was hired to counsel women at the Presbyterian Student Center on UW-Madison's campus. She also led religious education groups and organized social events.

After being president of the YWCA, she was devoted to their mission of helping young women and advises all young people: "Get an education; you will need it, and don't have money as a goal. It is not a measure of worth."

Dane County

Mollie Blied

After her 105th birthday (born on November 11, 1894), Mollie wonders why people are amazed that she still plays bridge and travels. A recent photo shows her in the cockpit of her grandson's plane. She celebrated her birthday by attending a Badger football game. "I'm just learning this game," she says, "I'm really a baseball fan."

After graduating from Madison Central High School, Mollie passed the Civil Service exam and was hired at UW and then at the State Capitol. Mollie met her husband in 1915. He helped run the family business, Blied Printers, until his death in 1943. They had two children, both of whom are now dead. "Those were hard losses," she says sadly.

Molly shops, cooks and cleans with a little help ? two hours of home care weekly. She admits, " I do enjoy the help."

"To be born Welsh is not to be born with a silver spoon in your mouth, but poetry in your veins and music in your heart." Old Welsh Saying

Bess Chase

The above saying seems to fit Bess, who in 1999, at the age of 107 (born on October 15, 1892) spoke about her life at the "National Gymanfa Ganu," an annual Welsh gathering in Minneapolis. A love of nature and an ability to paint have always been important to her. The paintings in her house attest to this.

She recalls hearing about the Wright brothers trying to fly when she was young. She married Paul Chase, who was a pilot in World War I and flew reconnaissance missions over France. Paul's love of aviation inspired their son Tom to become an aeronautical engineer, a "Honeywell Fellow" in the Apollo space program.

Bess stayed home for several years to help her mother before starting her training to become a teacher. Now Bess' daughter, a retired missionary, has come home from Africa to be with her mother.

Pearl Gafney

I was born on September 4, 1898 on a large farm in Columbia County. I graduated from Prairie du Chien High School with a business degree and became a secretary at the International Harvester Co. I met my husband there, a farmer with a 197-acre farm. We were married in 1924 in Sauk City.

After 20 years on the farm we moved to Madison. In Madison I worked with students at the UW campus. I still have my driver's license, I bake for a homeless shelter, I garden. I've enjoyed life to the fullest, and I'm still having fun.

Josephine Hess

Born in Prairie du Chien in 1898, Josephine was seven when her family moved to Madison where her father and brothers owned the Frank Hess & Sons cooperage business from 1904 to 1968. After attending Capital City Commercial College, Josephine worked in the family business from 1915 to 1958. Over the years she also worked in five Madison theaters: Capital, Eastwood, Strand, Majestic and Fuller – doing everything from playing the piano for silent films to being assistant manager. During World War II, she sold War Bonds, earning a presidential honor.

With the assistance of her family, friends and home services, Josephine remains in her own apartment and continues to live an active life.

Irene Newman

Irene's grandparents built a house on Broom Street in Madison in 1848, the year that Wisconsin became a state. The home was torn down eventually, but another was built on the site and Irene, who was born on February 5, 1895, has lived there for a hundred years as the third generation of her family to do so.

Irene became a librarian, graduating from UW's Library College. She became the State Superintendent of School Libraries, encouraging the development of school libraries. She first voted the year that women got the vote, and she has voted in every election since.

Irene remembers seeing the North Wing of the state capitol burning from her home four blocks away and reading the newspaper headlines of the sinking of the Titanic. She advises young people to "find a job you love even if you have to change jobs three or four times. Life is too short to not do what you want to do."

Jessie Peterson

Born on January 23, 1898, Jessie was never allowed to do any work on her parents' farm. They wanted her to save her hands for music - to learn to play the piano and violin, as her father did, and to teach music. Although she wanted to go to college and to be a nurse, Jessie followed her parents' wishes to focus on music and became an accomplished musician and music teacher. Ironically, she married a farmer, Ebert Peterson, and helped him on their farm. It didn't stop her interest in music; she still plays the piano at church services.

Considering all the changes in the past century, Jessie was most impressed by airplanes, the space missions and the advances in medicine. "When I was young, 70 was very old."

Dane County

Hortense Sperling

"I didn't do anything unusual, I just lived normally," says Hortense, who was born on November 18, 1898. But there is something unusual about Hortense that attracts people. For example, those who have bought houses from her have become friends. The family that bought her family home on Green Lake often has her spend Christmas there with them. Hortense's mother moved to Madison when Hortense and her brother were at UW. The house was on Chandler Street and Hortense lived there with her husband until 1988. She is often invited to visit the family now living in that house. "She's good company," said a friend.

At one time Hortense's career involved the developing of furniture slipcovers. Later, sewing became a hobby. She is also an avid reader and a genealogist, writing a book on her family's history.

Sylvia Worden

In the history she has written, *A Century of Living*, Sylvia describes the log house in Antigo that her father built after her birth on February 8, 1901: *He cut down the trees, shaped the logs and built a two-story house. The upstairs was one big room where we children slept; the downstairs floor was sometimes waxed, and neighbors were invited in for a dance.*

A century later, Sylvia lives in Dane County near her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She stopped driving a year ago and is considering moving to a senior apartment building. In her book she recalls the events of her life: her marriage and the birth of her four children, the death of a son in World War II, her husband's death. Amid the losses, there are smiles ? the story of her favorite car, for example. She writes: *Herbert was a four-cylinder Whippet with a top speed of 40 mph. When the children were old enough to drive, this was the car they used.*